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Ref: Department's 2088 and 2151 to Paris.

With regard to draft paper on Tripartite NATO relationships, Department should be aware that during course of conversation with General Norstad October 15, Stikker mentioned that he had heard such paper was under preparation in ambassadorial steering group in Washington and that intention was that this paper would be issued as a directive to General Norstad. Stikker said he ^{was} ~~had been~~ disturbed about this plan and feared that four powers were repeating mistakes made in connection with directive on planning for Norstad which is presently in NAC and which has occasioned considerable amount of difficult debate. Stikker clearly felt that problems of Tripartite NATO relationships should be discussed in NAC in first instance.

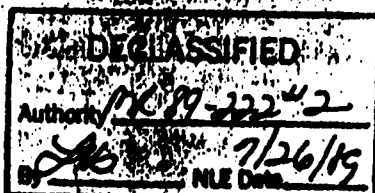
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